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Arcata gun law mulled

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ARCATA – The Arcata City Council last week considered a possible ordinance requiring Arcata firearms owners to store their weapons unloaded and locked up in a safe or locker. No action was taken other than to direct staff to develop language for future consideration. That may be done in conjunction with the new Public Safety Committee, which forms this August.

The ordinance came at the urging of two Northcoast Preparatory Academy students, Olivia Joachim and Eva Swartz.

In a letter to the council, the two advocated safer gun storage based on Humboldt County's gun-related death rate of 17.1 per 100,000 people – much higher than the statewide rate of 7.7 per 100,000.

"Please save lives by keeping guns out of the hands of minors," the two ask in the letter.

A staff report said the ordinance could address negative firearm impacts including children and teenagers accessing weapons, felons and people with mental health issues doing so, escalation of domestic violence incidents, and thefts of unlocked firearms from home.

Skeptics of the ordinance, none of whom showed up to address the council, hold that it is unenforceable and would put responsible gun owners at risk by preventing them from responding to intruders with force in a timely fashion.

Councilmember Paul Pitino said the ordinance "symbolically tells whoever owns that gun that they have to control it" and is an initial step in reducing gun violence. "I think it starts the conversation," he said.

Mayor Sofia Pereira thanked the students and said the ordinance could be educational.

Mck petitions done, EIR in works

Statue defenders gather 1,769 signatures, ballot measure looking likely even as scoping for removal EIR proceeds

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ARCATA – Organizers of the petition drive to keep the statue of President William McKinley on the Plaza have completed their signature gathering in time for

the Monday, May 21 deadline to turn them in. The initiative seeks to place a measure on the Nov. 6 ballot which, if approved, would override the City Council's Feb. 21 decision to remove the statue.

While 961 signatures of Arcata

voters were required in order to qualify a ballot measure, Councilmember Michael Winkler – the sole vote against removal and a co-organizer of the petition drive – said that some 1,769 signatures were collected.

He said by comparing the signatures to voter rolls, he determined that 452 of them weren't valid, mostly due to obsolete addresses. But that still leaves 1,317 valid ones – enough of a margin for the petition to comfortably qualify a ballot measure.

Winkler said pro-statue advocates are "open to a compromise that honors our histories – plural." Options include installation of an interpretive plaque near the statue which would offer historical context, and creation of another statue or display honoring indigenous peoples.

Wiinkler said he expected anti-statue activists to attempt to invalidate the petition. "We have legal representation and will deal with that as necessary," he said.

Harassment abundant

Both pro-statue petitioners and statue opponents report being harassed by some of those who hold opposing views.

Winkler said he was followed by an angry man for five blocks, with the fellow barking out rhetorical questions at him. Eventually on the Plaza, two citizens confronted the man and asked him to stop, and he hasn't further acted out since.

While gathering signatures in a downtown business, Winkler said an anti-statue activist tried to dissuade citizens from signing his petition. The activist even blocked the door of the business for a time, preventing his exit, but eventually relented.

Professional petitioner Louise Brotz (also a *Union* contractor) reported numerous harsh comments by statue dislikers, partic-

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RUTABAGA BALL 2018
Last weekend's Rutabaga Ball treated attendees to gorgeous glamour, bountiful beauty and a plentiful panoply of princesses as contestants vied for the title of Rutabaga Queen. Anointed this year was Queen Metalana, Empoweress to Glory! Runner-up was Princess Sparkle Lumina. Left, Denise Lynn Ryles, Susie Kidd, Danielle Greene, Jessica Pearson, Wendy Burns, Kati Texas, Jermaine Starshine Brubaker and Monica Topping. Below, more of the photogenic participants. And this weekend, Kinetic Madness begins!
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Supervisors split on proposed drinking water tax

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT – A state bill that proposes to tax drinking water has supporters but Humboldt County's larger water districts and some county supervisors oppose it.

Senate Bill 623 aims to improve drinking water systems and quality in what are considered "disadvantaged communities," mostly through a tax on drinking water.

Supervisor Mike Wilson sponsored a discussion of the bill at the May 15 Board of Supervisors meeting. Wilson said the bill's intent is to address "significant water quality issues" associated with agricultural groundwater pollution and use, mostly in the Central

Valley and Salinas Valley areas.

The bill directs the creation of a fund to upgrade agriculturally-impacted drinking water systems and water quality in the disadvantaged communities. Wilson described how that would be done, saying the proposed method enters new territory of taxation.

"There's a tax on drinking water, which is a pretty big deal," he said. "Taxing drinking water is a threshold we haven't crossed before."

He noted that bottled water and soda aren't targeted for new taxes, which he attributed to "the lobbying efforts of those industries at the state and federal levels."

The bill's proposed funding mechanisms

also includes taxes on fertilizer products and dairy products.

Dennis Mayo, a McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) boardmember, represented the Association of California Water Agencies and said there are alternatives to the SB 623 taxes, such as using federal and bond funds, and creating a state trust fund.

The water tax would amount to 95 cents per monthly bill, but Mayo warned against "crossing over this philosophical barrier of taxing the essentials of life," saying that the taxation "is gonna keep growing and growing."

In a letter to the county, MCSD General Manager Greg Orsini described water



Rex Bohn

quality failures as "a social issue for the state" and said the MCSD's stance is that water system fixes should be paid for through the state's General Fund.

The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District also "strongly opposes" SB 623, according to a letter from John Friedenbach, its general manager.

SB 623 has particular relevance for two supervisors – Supervisor Rex Bohn and Supervisor Estelle Fennell.

Bohn is chair of the Rural Counties Representatives of California, which supports the bill. Fennell was preparing to represent the county at a May 16 legislative conference of the California State Association of

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ularly as she tabled outside the Arcata Co-op. “You just can’t let the minorities win one, can you?” asked one person.

Last week, a woman wearing an “FBI” cap hovered around Brotz, supposedly taking video of her. Brotz returned the favor, shooting video of the woman with her cell phone.

Winkler said he appreciated those with opposing views who managed to remain focused on the issue of the statue. “I want to give kudos to the people on the opposite side who are behaving respectfully and concentrating on the issues and avoiding personal attacks,” he said. He cited activist Fhyre Phoenix as pursuing statue removal in a cordial and responsible fashion.

The last City Council meeting included several calls for Winkler to be both censured and censored by the council for his pro-statue petitioning and for referring to the raucous crowd of anti-statue activists at the Feb. 22 council meeting as a “lynch mob.” So far, the rest of the council, all four of whom voted to get rid of the statue, has shown no inclination to discipline their dissenting colleague.

Anti-statue advocate and removal fundraiser Fhyre Phoenix also reported harassment. He said that while protesting the statue outside Jacoby’s Storehouse recently, a man claiming to be a Wiyot Indian locked onto him and revved up a stream of abuse. The man asked numerous questions, but interrupted the answers and argued with him. The man then went and sat in one of the display chairs outside Arcata Exchange and called him names for a time, yelling “nasty” things across the intersection of Eighth and H streets. The would-be Wiyot also went over to Brotz, who was petitioning outside the Post Office, held up her pro-petition sign and told Phoenix his efforts “don’t matter at all.”

Meanwhile, Phoenix’s fundraising to cover statue removal expenses is proceeding apace. The cost has been estimated at up to \$65,000, and as of last Thursday, Phoenix had raised \$800 and turned over a \$500 check to the City of Arcata. Last Saturday, he was to host a potluck party in his McKinleyville front yard to raise more funds.

City scopes McKinley EIR project alternatives

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ARCATA – The City of Arcata wouldn’t usually hold a meeting at the D Street Neighborhood Center to scope the legally required project alternative projects in an Environmental Impact Report. But this was not your usual project or a routine EIR – it’s the environmental document for the removal of the statue of William McKinley from the Plaza.

While moving a statue might not seem like an environmental issue in terms of birds, bees, fish and trees, it’s the historic environment that this EIR will focus on.

Arcata’s General Plan identifies the McKinley statue as a feature of the historic Plaza district. The California Environmental Quality Act says that an impact to a historic district is an environmental impact, thus the report.

Maybe. The city is hiring a consultant to make a study to verify whether the statue is a historic resource, removal of which substantially changes the Plaza’s historical significance.

But for now, the city is assuming it is, and is taking the initial steps to compose an EIR. Part of that is identifying project alternatives – from leaving the statue in place to banishing it from Arcata altogether.

On the east side of the hall was a line of chairs – not quite enough to accommodate the more than two dozen attendees. Along the opposite wall was a line of tables bearing sheets of butcher paper, each offering one of the project alternatives for public comment to be supplied with Post-It notes.

Alternatives offered included doing nothing (a CEQA-required option); remove the statue and store it offsite; relocate it to Redwood Park; relocate outside Arcata; and any other alternatives anyone might have.

By way of creating a substantive EIR, Community Development Director David Loya asked participants to focus on environmental impacts and feasible ways to minimize and mitigate them, and to offer the reasoning behind their suggestions – to say why.

Most relevant were comments on biological resources, historical resources and aesthetic impacts.



ALTERNATIVES EVALUATED About two dozen people turned out Thursday night to make comments on the various McKinley statue project alternatives. KLH | UNION

Some attendees wished to include comments on social justice aspects of the project, and Loya said all comments are welcome. Ideas not relevant to the environmental document were to be retained for the statue-related meetings of a more general nature to be held in coming months.

All of the comments will be included in the EIR, a public document, and will get an official response. The EIR is being composed in-house by Senior Planner Alyson Hunter, and is expected to take six to nine months.

The vast majority of Post-It comments supported removal of the statue.

The “no project” option drew condemnation on several counts, from being anti-peace to obstructing the view of the Plaza’s center to disrespecting the wishes of the Wiyot Tribe. “The no project option makes the City Council look like a bunch of confused bureaucrats who caved in to mob pressure of racists,” said one note. The sole dissenting note advocated for retaining the statue but adding an interpretive plaque offering historical context.

The remove-and-store option was popular, being described as “one small reparative justice option” and a plus for open space. Opposition included concern about vandalism to the storage facility, creating the potential to the statue to be restored and unhappy gulls left with one less perching spot.

Relocating the statue to Redwood Park

wasn’t very popular. Multiple comments criticized the intrusion of a controversial political figure into a natural setting, the negative environmental impacts that would have and the park’s status as “Wiyot territory.” One positive comment suggested that those who “flock” to see the statue would get some exercise if it were in the park.

Relocating the statue outside Arcata was a hit. Some saw it as the only justifiable option. “It is a blight on the city and should be moved out of the area, never to return,” said one note. Others advocated for it to be donated to the McKinley Birthplace Museum in Canton, Ohio. A couple of opposing notes noted the carbon footprint of moving the statue, and the possibility that objections would remain wherever it went.

The “other alternatives” option drew several comments advocating that the statue be melted down, broken into tiny pieces or buried. Several more commenters suggested contacting the McKinley Birthplace Museum, despite the museum’s publicly stated, explicit and vehement denial of any interest in Arcata’s statue.

One suggestion was to move the statue to the Humboldt County Historical Society, and another was to place it at the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building. But the American Legion has suspended discussion of adopting the statue until the outcome of the proposed ballot measure cancelling the City Council’s Feb. 22 decision to remove it is known.

Jacoby plaque rewording OK’d

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ARCATA – The blank boulder at Eighth and H streets across from Jacoby’s Storehouse won’t stay that way, now that replacement wording has been approved.

Removed March 6 over its offensive and misleading reference to “Indian troubles,” the brass marker for Registered Historical Landmark No. 783 – the Jacoby Building – will be recreated and put back in place with the offending sentence simply deleted.

The matter was discussed at last week’s meeting of the Historic Landmarks Committee. The revised wording was submitted to the Trinidad Rancheria the Yurok Tribe and Wiyot Tribe, but only the Wiyot responded, offering approval.

Cost of the replacement is estimated at about \$2,700.

Historic Preservation workshop at Wharfinger

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EUREKA – The state Office of Historic Preservation offers a Local Government Workshop Friday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka.

The event features a full day of preservation topics important to local governments, with Arcata and Eureka officials to be on hand.

Topics include survey and landmark designations, CEQA and historic resources and a panel discussion on the Mills Act. A roundtable discussion is also planned, including a question and answer session with discussion of best practices.

Registration is required at surveymonkey.com/r/WKSHQQG.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Congressional Medal of Honor awardee and retired U.S. Army Major James A. Taylor will appear at the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building, 1425 J St. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28 at 11 a.m. Other participants include Pastor Chuck Clark, Wesleyan Church of the Redwoods; American legion Post 274; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2542, Craig Lemster, Boy Scout Troop 9; Girl Scout Troops, Redwood Service Units; and the Mad River Community Honor Guard.

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Fitness clubs to open in Mck

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MCKINLEYVILLE – The Club for Fitness, a multi-million dollar, first-class fitness club opens in McKinleyville in June. This new venture from Big Lagoon Rancheria will open its doors in two phases with The Club on Central opening in spring 2018 and The Club at Mill Creek opening in fall 2018.

“This state-of-the-art” fitness club will be a welcome addition to McKinleyville,” states Michelle Michaels, general manager of The Club for Fitness, “and we look forward to building an engaging, innovative, fitness community

in Humboldt County.” Combined, the two-club operation will provide more than 50,000 square feet of premier fitness offerings and experiences. Popular features include top-of-the-line cardio and strength training equipment and four dedicated Group-X rooms providing spin classes, yoga, pilates and a variety of on-demand group exercise classes. Highlights of The Club for Fitness experience will be a six-lane indoor pool and

a second-floor cardio theater with integrated entertainment and outstanding views of the coastline.

The Club on Central offers a fitness program specially designed for kids ages 7-12 years old. The kid’s fitness program provides a unique 45-minute strength training circuit located in its own designated room, where kids may gain self-confidence while using the age tailored exercise equipment. In addition, a turfed 40-yard space

will provide functional and athletic training activity at the Club on Central while the Mill Creek location will feature 1,800 square feet of dedicated space for High-Intensity Interval Training (HIT). Other amenities and offerings include men’s and women’s locker rooms with private steam and saunas, a hot tub located in the pool area, child-care, and a luxury smoothie bar. The anticipated opening date for The Club on Central is June 2018. The Club for Fitness is located at 1570 Betty Ct. and 2197 Central Ave.

HSU POLICE INVESTIGATION The Humboldt State University Police Department continues to investigate an incident that took place on campus at Pepperwood Hall on Friday, May 11. The incident was initially reported as an assault. No additional details were released. Over the last week, HSU police have gathered evidence and identified a number of witnesses, according to a press release. They have seized a vehicle that was used during the incident, and on May 19, they served a search warrant on a residence associated with one of the subjects in the case. Charges in the case are pending. “University Police believe that everyone involved in this incident has been identified, and stress that there is no ongoing threat to campus,” states a press release. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Humboldt State University Police Department at (707) 826-5555.

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Suspect nabbed over burl poaching

REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS

ORICK – While on routine patrol in January, law enforcement rangers from Redwood National and State Parks (RNSP) located a redwood poaching site inside the park boundaries. It was an old-growth redwood with massive chunks cut out from the base of the tree.

During the ensuing investigation, rangers identified a suspect in the nearby town of Orick. Rangers were able to obtain enough information during the investigation to obtain a search warrant for the suspect's residence.

On March 27, law enforcement rangers served a search warrant in Orick. During the service of the search warrant multiple pieces of old-growth redwood were discovered matching the poaching site. Rangers also discovered methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, illegal weapons and various items of stolen property.

The 35-year-old suspect, Derek Alwin Hughes, of Orick was subsequently arrested.

Hughes was booked into the county jail on suspicion of vandalism, receiving stolen property, grand theft, possession of metal knuckles, possession of



DESTRUCTION A ranger measures the damage.

methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia.

In early May, rangers transported the redwood found during the search warrant to the poaching site. They were able to determine that redwood found at the residence came from the poaching site.



Derek Alwin Hughes

Criminal charges are pending. The investigation is still open.

Redwood National and State Parks contains 133,000 acres of federal and state land in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. Nearly 39 percent of the remaining old-growth redwood forest in the world is found within RNSP. The parks have experienced an increase in the illegal cutting and theft of old-growth coast redwood burls in re-

cent years.

Burl poaching involves the cutting of burls from both live and dead trees, felling of living old-growth redwood trees to access burls from higher up the stem, and the cutting of down logs for ornamental furniture, veneer and souvenirs.

This uncontrolled and illegitimate harvesting of burls directly threatens individual old-growth redwoods, the prime resource of RNSP, a designated World Heritage Site, and includes related impacts to the surrounding ecosystem, threatened and endangered species and the parks' scenic values.

Anyone with information regarding this case or any redwood poaching within the parks is urged by RNSP to contact the RNSP anonymous tip line at (707) 465-7353.

Council cannot discuss Lawson case

Jack Durham
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ARCATA – It's been 13 months since David Josiah Lawson, 19, was stabbed to death in Arcata, but the case is still unsolved. The Arcata City Council was reminded of this during public comments at its May 16 meeting, with several speakers pleading with council members to rehire former FBI investigator Tom Parker and solve the case.

In the past, the council often responded to such pleas with updates on the status of the case and reassurances that the Arcata Police are actively investigating the killing, which took place April 15, 2017.

But now the council is nearly mum on the topic due to pending litigation.

"I just want to acknowledge some of the comments that were made in regard to the David Lawson case," Arcata Mayor Sofia Pereira said at the conclusion of the public comment portion of the May 16 meeting. "As you probably already know, the council and staff can no longer talk publicly



David Josiah Lawson

about the investigation because it is now in litigation and is referred to outside attorney/counsel. And also, as you recall, the council did authorize additional resources to be brought to this case and staff is currently working to bring those resources in." On behalf of Lawson's mother, Charmaine Lawson, attorney Shelley Mack filed a claim in April against the City of Arcata seeking \$500,000 for emotional distress and anxiety she suffered due to APD's "negligent" investigation. The claim accuses APD of bungling the case.

Also in April, Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman resigned. Before that resignation, former FBI Special Agent Tom Parker, who had volunteered to work on the Lawson case, resigned, and then slammed the City of Arcata, alleging that the case was bungled.

The city will hold a public meeting on the process for hiring a new police chief on Wednesday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 736 F St.

Comment sought on new police chief

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The City of Arcata is currently in the process of recruiting a new chief of police, and is encouraging the public to share input on what qualifications the city should consider when narrowing down potential candidates.

On Wednesday, May 30, the City of Arcata will host a public forum where community members will have the opportunity to discuss what type of candidates should be sought to lead Arcata's police department.

The forum will be hosted by the City of Arcata and by

Joel Bryden, who is a vice president at Bob Murray & Associates, the national recruiting firm the city has hired to help conduct the search.

"Public input is crucial to selecting the best individual to lead Arcata's Police Department. I encourage all interested residents to attend the upcoming forum to share their thoughts on the characteristics and professional background they feel are most important when selecting a new chief," said Arcata City Manager Karen Diemer.

In addition, the city is currently completing a full law enforcement background check on the top candidate for an interim chief of police,

and expects to have an interim chief in place by June.

Lt. Bart Silvers, who has served the Arcata Police Department for 16 years, is now serving as acting chief of police until an interim chief is named. The interim chief will serve until a new permanent chief of police is hired.

The public forum regarding Arcata's new permanent police chief will take place on Wednesday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chamber at City Hall, 736 F St. in Arcata. All interested community members are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call (707) 822-5953.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Crisp cookie

6. Night sight

10. Famous frontier gunfighter Wyatt

14. "...an inch, and they'll take ____"

15. Cattle

16. Autocrat of old

17. Student's concern

18. Military group

19. Versailles verb

20. Antenna

22. Concurs

24. And others: abbr.

25. Ring purchasers

26. Easy to slice

29. Prefix for bar or meter

30. "Camellia State": abbr.

31. Stopping place

33. Mythological man with a great burden

37. Meat choice

39. Goofy

41. Cry of pain

42. Trouser parts

44. Item on a check

46. Fellows

47. Largest organ

49. Enrages

51. ____ the hills

54. Scottish language

55. Cleanses

56. Jones or Aniston

60. Vehicle

61. Sightseeing trip

63. Like a gymnast

64. Staircase part

65. ____ Anderson

66. Descartes and Coty

67. Towel word

68. Symbol of servitude

69. Vertical

DOWN

1. Float on the wind

2. Confidante

3. Twain hero

4. Overjoyed

5. Like kin

6. Brain's protection

7. Fork part

8. Black cuckoo

9. Sell goods directly to the consumer

10. Time after death

11. Montezuma, for one

12. Street show

13. Iron

21. "Who ____?"

23. Party

25. In an appropriate way

26. Jabber

27. Verve

28. Item on a driver's license

29. Back tooth

32. Plumbing parts

34. Green item

35. One who mocks

36. Upper house members: abbr.

38. Hotel employees ____ for; want badly

40. ____ for; want badly

43. Faction

45. Catch

48. Extensively

50. ____ counter

51. Shame

52. Cook onions

53. River animal

54. Spine-chilling

56. Rubbish

57. Court-imposed penalty

58. Edison's field: abbr.

59. Relax

62. Tic-tac-toe win

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McK rubbish fire doused

ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT

McKINLEYVILLE – Arcata Fire District responded to a rubbish fire on Douglas Avenue in McKinleyville on Monday, May 14. Crews were notified at 10:01 a.m. of a reported vegetation fire on Douglas Avenue in McKinleyville with threat to nearby structure. Upon arrival, units found access challenging due to a long, narrow road and a driveway blocked by multiple vehicles and travel trailers.

On scene, personnel used one dry chemical extinguisher and a five-gallon water can to hold the fire that had ignited the structure while additional crews made access to the area through a neighbor's fence, completing a hose lay and completely extinguishing the fire.

The fire occurred in a non-hydrant area so it required multiple fire engines and additional staffing to maintain a constant water flow for firefighters.

Arcata sent three engines, three volunteers and two chief officers. E1274, of Cal Fire Trinidad Station, provided mutual-aid. Engines from Humboldt Bay, Fieldbrook and Samoa also provided coverage of the district.

Fire grows and spreads rapidly so any delays to the fire response can result in a significant increase in fire damage. Ensure that access to your residence is well marked and clear of obstacles such as overgrown brush, vehicles, and potholes.

Value of the residence saved is estimated at \$260,000. The items destroyed in the fire included three vehicles, numerous tools and pieces of equipment, and other common household items.

MISSING WOMAN The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office needs the public's help to locate a missing Blue Lake woman. On May 14 at about 1:30 p.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a missing persons report for Blue Lake resident Janet Egan. Egan was reported missing by her husband after her employer notified him that Egan had failed to appear for work. Egan was last seen around 7:45 a.m. near the Starbucks on Fifth Street in Eureka. Egan is a 48-year-old white female, 5 feet 2 inches tall, approximately 240 pounds, with light brown, chin length hair and hazel eyes. She has a tattoo of a pin up girl on her left arm and a tattoo of a sun and moon on her right arm. She was last seen wearing a blue shirt and blue jeans. Egan may be driving a 2003 silver Buick Rendezvous with a personalized California license plate reading "BOOK PR". Anyone with information on Egan's whereabouts is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

Janet Egan

OPINION

❖ You simply must include your name, city and a phone number (that we won't publish) with your letter before you send it to to opinion@madriverunion.com.

Taking a closer look at the candidates for the Fifth District

Madrone’s many fictions

Trinidad Rancheria has been the subject of harassment and abuse during the Fifth District Supervisor campaign and unfairly characterized and targeted. Some of the statements made to the press by Steve Madrone and his supporters have bordered on racist and discriminatory remarks and have gone unchecked.

I am writing this letter to the editor to express my deep concern and also to separate facts from fiction. Trinidad Rancheria is not running for Fifth District Supervisor.

Ryan Sundberg is a Trinidad Rancheria tribal member, a Native American of Yurok decent and has worked tirelessly to help all Native Americans in Humboldt County and the entire state. Ryan has also worked tirelessly for all Humboldt County residents without any partiality.

Ryan has improved county and tribal relationships since he has been Fifth District Supervisor. It is unfair to position tribe against tribe as Madrone has done.

In his quest to become the next supervisor, Madrone has knowingly promoted untrue statements about Ryan as well as the Trinidad Rancheria. Capitalizing on tribal differences and securing endorsements from large tribes based on inaccurate information shows a lack of integrity. Madrone is making promises to support tribal issues he knows nothing about. How could he be truly representing all tribes fairly when he has not met with Trinidad Rancheria? He is not basing his campaign on facts. I have to wonder what promises he is making?

Madrone has taken credit and has been quoted in the press as being responsible for bringing in over \$10 million for the Trinidad Pier. This is FICTION. Madrone had absolutely nothing to do with securing the grants that were applied for that eventually funded the pier.

The Trinidad Rancheria is an environmental steward and has worked tirelessly to protect the Trinidad Harbor. We, the Trinidad Rancheria, worked with the City of Trinidad to secure the first \$2.5 million in funding that was the leverage point for the entire project.

The Rancheria wrote the grant, the City of Trinidad administered and oversaw the grant. The Rancheria went on to secure grant funding from the Federal Highway Administration, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Tribal Transportation Funding allocated to Trinidad Rancheria annually, as well as the California Coastal Conservancy.

Madrone did not work with the Rancheria or even communicate with the Rancheria during this grant leveraging process. The project did not cost \$10 million. The total funds were approximately \$8.3 Million. I am appalled that Madrone would embellish and mislead the Fifth District voters and make them believe he was the catalyst behind this effort.

Trinidad Rancheria worked on permitting and securing funding for this project for over five years. This pier is owned and operated by Trinidad Rancheria for the entire community. Don't be misled by Madrone's political statements regarding all of his accomplishments.

Another one of Madrone's favorite topics is the Trinidad Rancheria Interchange. He has not participated in any of the community meetings held, has not been willing to meet with the Rancheria to discuss the project, and is misleading the Fifth District voters once again. His statements are fiction!

Fact: The Rancheria gave up Tribal Lands in the late 1960s in order for U.S. Highway 101 to be built. Unfortunately, the tribe did not receive direct access to its property as part of this project. The Rancheria lost over 12 acres on the other side of the freeway as a result. This became a social justice issue for the Tribe and has become its highest priority project.

Fact: Since 2001, the Trinidad Rancheria has completed several planning studies in order to study safe accessibility to the Trinidad Rancheria and the surrounding areas, and to investigate alternatives that would provide improved access for current and future needs. Since 2012, a Project Development Team (PDT) has met to guide the project through the project development process. This PDT team has been instrumental to date in developing the purpose and need for the project and preparing the project to reach this stage. The PDT team will continue to play a key role in guiding the project through to completion.

Fact: The Tribe has spent in excess of \$1,230,060 of its own funding on this project. Recently the tribe received \$775,000 in Advanced Project Development Element

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Funds which will enable the Tribe to begin the environmental phase of the project. It is in this environmental phase that each and every alternative will be explored, put under the microscope and the community will have every opportunity to weigh in and voice their concerns. There are approximately 11 different alternatives. As you know, the CEQA – NEPA process does not allow one alternative to rise above another alternative until there has been a complete hearing process.

Rumors are being circulated by Madrone that this project doesn't address the needs of the entire community. This is fiction!

Humboldt County Public Works Director Tom Mattson has gone on record saying that we must address the unstable conditions that exist on Scenic Drive. One major earthquake will shut down ingress and egress to all homes throughout all of Scenic Drive. The Rancheria wants to bring this discussion to the community. What can be done? There must be an alternative access route.

Madrone wants to shut down a project he has not been a part of, has not worked on for 10 years. He wants to tout community solutions but hasn't worked to bring any solutions. The Rancheria has.

Ryan Sundberg is keenly aware of conflicts of interest with this project and has recused himself in his role on the HCAOG Board. Madrone should roll up his sleeves and share his solutions instead of trying to kill the only project that may be viable. Moving the project forward, to bring the actual project to the community, to provide an avenue for community involvement and understanding of project, and bringing forward preferred solutions, would show responsible leadership.

So, I encourage all voters and interested community members to not take statements at face value, but to do your homework. Madrone's slogan "it's time for a change" is misguided and misleading. He doesn't have a clue as to the work that has been done, he has tried to take credit for work he hasn't done, and he is making promises to the Fifth District that he cannot deliver. Fact or Fiction... You decide!

Garth Sundberg
Tribal Chairman
Trinidad Rancheria

A property rights problem

When I heard Steve Madrone explain how he favors property rights, I felt compelled to point out how his past actions are contrary to the "property rights" claims he currently is making in his run for Fifth District supervisor.

First and foremost, most of us know Steve Madrone by the other name he has been using for decades which is "Sungnome Madrone." The only thing Madrone favors about "property rights" is that he favors ignoring your property rights or taking them away.

Case in point: A man named Mike Moss owned 94 acres of land near the highway on Fox Farm Road in Trinidad. Mike's land was also near where Madrone lived. Mike was 60 years old and was planning his retirement so Mike proposed dividing his 94 acres into four parcels as part of his retirement.

All the homes around Mike's property were on small parcels of 1-5 acres, including that of Sungnome (Steve) Madrone's. Madrone approached the agents Mike was using and informed them that if Mike did not hire him (Madrone) to assist with Mike's project that he (Madrone) would see that the project would never happen.

Well, Madrone wasn't hired because nobody believed Madrone had the skills to do the job and because Mike would not be extorted by Madrone's claims that he could stop Mike from his four way parcel split. In response not being hired by Mike, Madrone started to trespass on Mike's property to interfere with the work being done by Mike's agents that had been hired to divide the 94-acre parcel into four parcels.

In court documents regarding the injunction issued against Sungnome "Steve" Madrone, it states that after Madrone was enjoined from trespassing on Mike's property, Madrone intentionally sought to evade the court order by sending his (Madrone's) minor son onto the property. Poor Mike again had to threaten to go to court to stop the harassment of the workers on his property.

Madrone's lack of respect for everyone else's property rights was made clear

by what Madrone did to Mike to stop this simple four-way lot split. Madrone and his friends filed lawsuits and other actions, simply to delay the approval of this project and to drum up the costs for this parcel split assuming Mike would just give up.

Madrone and his friends held up this four-way parcel split for 19 years. Not only was Mike deprived of what he needed for his retirement, the frivolous court actions almost sent Mike to the poor house.

After numerous courts rebuked Madrone and his friends, Mike was able to proceed with his four-way lot split because nothing that Madrone and his friends were claiming about the lot split was true and the claims were only made to cause delay and drum up costs so Mike would give up. Poor Mike was 80 years old by the time this four-way lot split was approved due to Madrone's contempt for Mike's property rights.

These are not the actions of a person who claims to support property rights, unless Madrone's so called support of "property rights" means that Madrone doesn't recognize that a person has property rights, and that everyone else's rights are subversive to what Madrone wants.

I have knowledge of all of this because I was the realtor for this property when it was listed for sale. Although this was many years ago, I feel it is important information about his actions and how they are different than what Sungnome "Steve" Madrone states is his so called current position.

Tina Christensen
Hydesville

Sundberg's misleading claims

Recent letters to the editor in local papers may have left readers with the confused impression that our Fifth District County Supervisor "did not ever support the permit application" by Mercer-Fraser in public or private.

This is unbelievable, because as a constituent, when I contacted Mr. Sundberg asking him to join the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water district in opposing the cannabis refinery project proposed at the Glendale gravel plant, he did not express any sentiment that could be understood as withholding his support for the permit application.

Instead Ryan stated that he was having conversations with both the Water District and Mercer-Fraser to seek changes that would allow the project to move forward. His actions were not opposing a bad project as many residents had requested, along with the Water District. Rather Ryan's actions were clearly facilitating the cannabis refinery proposal.

To make claims now that he was not in support of the cannabis processing refinery is at a minimum disingenuous, but really such claims are just plain misleading. The residents of the Fifth District deserve better representation.

Scott Frazer
Blue Lake

Follow the money

Have you seen the plethora of "vote for Sundberg" signs on every street corner with sometimes two to a corner?

Each ultra-large sign has two T-posts holding it up. One 5-foot T-post is over \$4. So my guess is that every sign cost Sundberg about \$10 to put up. Now try counting the signs as you drive to work. How much money do you think Sundberg has backing him that he can put so much into signs? Where is he getting that money? Who is he beholden to as he sits on the Board of Supervisors and makes decisions that affect us all? Do you really think that he cares about the average family in Humboldt?

When I worked to pass Measure V in November 2016, he could have listened to the request of his many constituents. Instead he actively campaigned *against* us. He supported his point of view by saying that the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) voted against us. What he didn't mention was the McKMAC is primarily old white men that he appointed.

This time we actually have someone that we can vote *for*. Steve Madrone is out walking the streets of Humboldt County. He doesn't have big signs but he knows us, the citizens of the 5th district. He is familiar with our issues. He appreciates our unique environment just like we do. I encourage you to vote for someone that will listen when we have an issue.

Patti Rose
McKinleyville

Sundberg delivers for the 5th

In these days of candidates offering false hopes and promises to get elected, it is refreshing to see an incumbent on the ballot who has proven that he can deliver the goods!

Ryan Sundberg has consistently delivered to his constituents, throughout his tenure as Fifth District Supervisor. From his tireless advocacy to build the McKinleyville Sheriff Substation, where we now have 11 deputies now serving our northern district, when we had but only two before, to his work on the California Coastal Commission and EPA Local Advisory Committee, Sundberg has proven and delivered on his obligation to keep our streets and environment safe and clean.

His opponent, on the other hand, while offering promises of fresh ideas, offers no solutions as to how he would implement them. Sound familiar?

Sundberg has proven he gets and delivers results. From making McKinleyville's Central Avenue wider and safer, to organizing and participating in neighborhood trash patrols, Sundberg's hard work and dedication to serving *all* of the citizens of the Fifth District, has proven that he is more than deserving of our continued support. I urge you all to vote for Ryan Sundberg June 5!

Trent Shumard
McKinleyville

Sundberg's dismal CC record

Ryan Sundberg often refers to his seat on the California Coastal Commission as a reason to re-elect him as Fifth District Supervisor. However, what he doesn't tell you is that he has the worst voting record on the current Commission when it comes to coastal access and preservation.

For 20 years, Act Coastal has been issuing an annual report card on how each Commissioner voted on "the most significant permit applications and enforcement actions considered by the Commission." Act Coastal (a project of the Surfrider Foundation, WILDCOAST, and Environment California) selected 21 votes to score in 2017, of which 16 had "good" conservation outcomes and only five had "bad" ones. The overall average score among the 12 Commissioners during 2017 was 72 percent.

Sundberg was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown in March 2017 to fill a seat reserved for a North Coast representative. Since Ryan was not a Commission member for all of 2017, he had fewer votes, of which 5 were judged as "pro-Coast" and 6 were considered "anti-conservation," giving him an average score of 45 percent. Thus, he voted more than half of the time against coastal conservation and the public interest.

Before Sundberg's appointment, the seat most recently was filled by Del Norte Supervisor Martha McClure (for 6 years) and Humboldt's Bonnie Neely (for 12 years), until each lost an election and had to be replaced. Since that seat is reserved for a North Coast representative, a loss by Ryan in the June 5 election does not necessarily mean that Humboldt County would lose a voice on the Coastal Commission. And it could mean that we get someone who better represents the majority of Humboldt County residents when voting on important coastal issues.

Susan Leskiw,
McKinleyville

No dirty tactics

As a longtime business owner and resident of the Fifth District, I urge everyone to support Ryan Sundberg for Supervisor. Ryan grew up in Humboldt County, attended local schools, and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Humboldt State University. Ryan and his wife Kim, who was also born and raised here, have chosen to stay and raise their daughter Sofie in the Fifth District.

It has been very difficult to watch supporters of his opponent sling exaggerations, half-truths, and outright lies about Ryan while Ryan continues to campaign honorably, demonstrating his commitment to resident and community interests.

Clearly Madrone attracts and caters to individuals comfortable with dirty tactics – tactics Ryan has consistently chosen *not* to use.

We should not, and cannot, trust anyone else to represent our district.

Please join me in voting for Ryan Sundberg as Fifth District Supervisor on June 5.

Wes Green Jr.
McKinleyville

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Tax | 'We can't go down this road'

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Counties (CSAC), which proposes a position of support for the bill.

Although Bohn has reservations about taxing water, he described it as a means of paying for water treatment upgrades that Hispanic communities in

the Central Valley can't afford.

"And we pay for water now, I pay for it every month," he said.

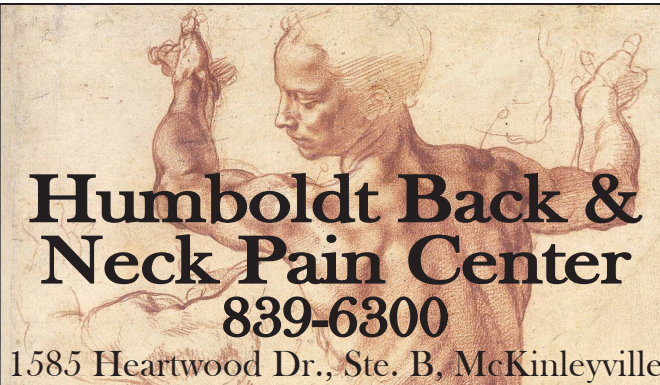
Fennell dismissed the concept of water taxation, however. "We can't go down this road of taxing the necessities of life," she

said. "We don't tax food, let's not tax water, that's even more important than food — what next, are we going to tax air? I mean, come on."

Board Chair Ryan Sundberg agreed with Fennell's comments and Wilson said he's "a bit conflicted."

Wilson said Humboldt also has disadvantaged communities but it's uncertain whether most rural counties would have access to the tax funding because the bill doesn't specify what defines eligibility.

Supervisors took no action on developing a stance on the bill but directed Fennell to summarize the discussion's content to CSAC.



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Farmers' Market wants to reduce waste to zero

Lily Farrell has her gloves on and is digging through buckets of what you and I usually throw away. That's the question: where is away? The recycling center? Landfill? The compost bin? "Away" is a relative term.



AT THE MARKET
Janine Volkmar

Even though the Arcata Plaza has good receptacles for recycling, the folks who bring you the Arcata Farmers' Market want to go even farther on the road to Zero Waste. They want "away" to be the best possible solution. Farrell and her fellow volunteer Destinee Aleman are sorting through trash to make that happen.

At each corner of the Plaza, they've set up buckets labelled compost, landfill, recycle, with clear signs showing exactly what can go in these buckets. They still need to sort that out a bit as market attendees get used to the system.

It's a job Farrell does with good cheer and boundless enthusiasm.

Farrell grew up in Southern Humboldt and is about to enter her senior year as an environmental studies major at Humboldt State University. She taught me a new concept as she explained her goals post graduation: food deserts.

"Food deserts are low-income communities that have no access to fresh food," she said. "There are lots of efforts to develop community gardens in them, to make fresh food both physically and monetarily available. I'm volunteering in places like the Farmers' Market to work my way into helping with food deserts."

She interrupted herself to explain to a market goer where he should put his oyster shells. Right now that's next to the labeled buckets but the volunteers are working toward a solution. (Anyone need some shells for their garden art?)

The compost that is collected goes to The Local Worm Guy, a family-owned business in Fieldbrook.

The husband and wife team of Lloyd and Stacey Barker provide commercial composting services and also sell worms. After a year on their farm, your compost from the market will be converted by Red Wiggler composting worms into vermicompost – "a nutrient rich and microbially diverse material ideal for building living soil," according to the market's website, northcoastgrowersassociation.org/zerowaste.html.

Ivy North, director of programs for the North Coast Growers Association, is enthusiastic about the Zero Waste effort.

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❖ FOR THE GLORY

Kinetic race weekend!

MAD RIVER UNION HUMBOLDT – It's time to gear up for four days of fun as the Kinetic Grand Championship kicks off this weekend, beginning in Arcata and ending in Ferndale.

Kinetic Thrills Pageantry Party

New this year is the Kinetic Thrills Pageantry party, which is on Friday, May 25 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Racers will debut their team's pageantry and pick up their official registration materials. Teams competing in the Kinetic Grand Championship are graded for speed, engineering, art and pageantry, with each team kicking off the race with a song, dance, or skit of varying complexity. The evening will also include veteran kinetic racers and dignitaries sharing their stories of races past. Though previously announced at \$10, admission to this event is free for all.

Glorious KGC sponsor Petaluma Poultry will have a fantastic food truck at the party!

Race Day 1

The race begins this Saturday, May 26, with racers gathering on the Arcata Plaza at 9 a.m. as they await the noon siren, at which time they get rolling.

Teams enter the Arcata Plaza at H Street and Ninth Street then circle the square, subjecting themselves to judgement by experts in important Kinetic Categories like Art, Engineering, Safety, Kinetic Thrills and Safety. Watch the pageantry and "Brake Test." Then eventually, the Queen will decide it is "noon," and set off the siren.

Once they scramble to their seats, pilots will speed their sculptures around and around the town square until Rampmeister opens the starting gate, and releases the Kinetic Madness on the road to glory!

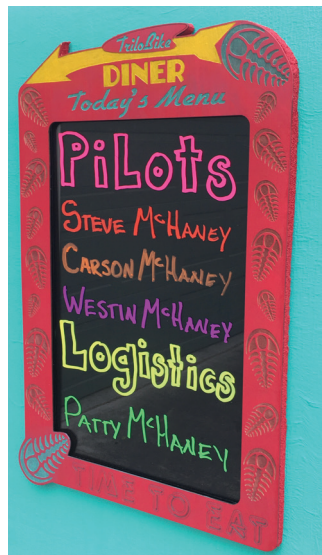
Racers make their way down State Route 255 on their way to the Manila Community Center at 1611 Peninsula Dr. That's where the Kinetic Festival will be held from noon to 3 p.m.

Kinetic racing teams will pit stop and take a quick break at the festival, then prepare their sculptures to



TRILOBKE DINER The TriloBike Test Kitchen was the Grand Champion of the Kinetic Sculpture race last year and this year they are back for another run at it with the TriloBike Diner. Team members are, from left, Patty, Kristina and Steve McHaney of Arcata. Last year saw the testing of a variety of recipes featuring fossilized trilobites cooked up on their stove disaster on the front of their machine and a giant fork up top and a retro refrigerator on the back. The TriloBike Diner sports a curved counter up front with a variety of culinary specials. The counter also shows off a juke box controller and record player for your entertainment. A retro diner arrow sign, diner clock and diner menu boards complete the ensemble. They will even have a live song-and-dance routine for the Pageantry competition Friday night before the race.

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run on sand before setting off into the dunes toward the roaring Pacific Ocean. The glorious ocean spray and hard packed sand are a brief treat, for soon they will turn inland through June's Dunes, and onto the inevitable Dead Man's Drop.

Dead Man's Drop is not so much a sand dune, as a soft sided skyscraper. Teams slog up, sliding backwards the whole time, then gather their wits about them for the white-knuckle ride down the far side. The "Golden Flipper Award" is given to the team which in-

verts itself most spectacularly under the influence of gravity.

Racers then make their way over the Samoa Bridge and stop at Halvorson Park in Eureka, where the Finish Line Party is held from 1 p.m. until dark.

Race Day 2

On Sunday, May 27, teams will enter the Humboldt Bay at the Public Marina (Wharfinger Building) beginning at 9:34 a.m.

Awards are given for Biggest Splash and Water Flipper.

Racers will then stop at Eureka Natural Foods, 1450 Broadway, for a pit stop. Come by, check out the sculptures and have some lunch.

The last chance to see Kinetic Sculptures on the course for the day is on Lololetta Hill from about 1:30 to 7:07 p.m.

It's a brutal climb, followed by a fast ride on a winding road down. Park on the opposite side of the road from the teams, and give them some glory!

Race Day 3

Teams will leave Crab Park at 10:01 a.m. on Mon-

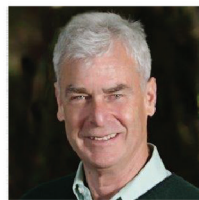
day, May 28 and proceed through Loleta, past Fernbridge, where they will descend onto private property at the Worswick Bar.

Spectators should park on the Ferndale side of Fernbridge and walk down to the public side of the Eel River bank where they can watch the teams cross the river under Fernbridge. Please be careful where you park, and don't try to cross the freeway on foot.

Racers then make their way to the finish line in Ferndale, where there's a party from 1 to 4:37 p.m.

For just over three hours on one day a year, the corner of Main Street and Brown Street in Ferndale is the best party in the (Kinetic) Universe! Enjoy food, drinks, Kinetic merchandise, and the handcrafted Victorian hamlet of Ferndale.

The racers are exhausted. at this point. They are bedraggled and sore, but elated. Some of them are racing to the last moment, trying to make the fastest time. Others are dragged across the finish line by their muddy, bloody crews.



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COFFEE CLUB Sarah Finestone, coordinator of Coffee Club, and Sean Stanford Graves, educator of coffee.

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Meet BL’s new Coffee Club

One of the best qualities of the City of Blue Lake is that it is a small community, where everyone knows pretty much everyone. Being small can also be seen as an obstacle for small towns at times, and we have had our share of obstacles – no coffee shop for the past year or so has been one of those. I know, it may seem like a little thing, maybe even a First World problem, but in our little town, someone saw this need, and had a dream to fill it.

On Friday morning, May 18 I stopped in to the Mad River Grange at 7 a.m. for the first day of “Coffee Club,” where I was greeted with the smiling faces of Sarah Finestone and her friend Sean Stanford Graves with hot brewed coffee in hand.

Sean will gladly educate you on the many types of coffee, and provide a special pour if you care to sit and enjoy your coffee in house. Unfortunately, I didn’t have time that morning to sit and chat like I really wanted, so I brought my to-go cup and filled it with the local dark roast already brewed, grabbed a strawberry scone (baked by Sarah herself), and donated a few bucks to the cause.

The scone was so amazing; I ended up going back 30 minutes later to pick up another! When I walked in during my first time, there was already a couple people sitting, drinking coffee and learning from Sean, but the second time I walked in, there was a nice bustle of people around, grabbing food or coffee, chatting with each other, and laughing, smiling, sharing in something special.

You see, it’s not that we needed a coffee shop in Blue Lake because we need the upscale, fancy, “fru-fru,” elitist coffee, but rather because we as human beings are social creatures, and a coffee shop gives that outlet to mingle with the community, and in a place the size of Blue Lake, this is an important way to get to know our neighbors.

Coffee Club will generally take place on Fridays at 7 a.m. at the Mad River Grange, located at 110 Hatchery Rd. in Blue Lake. There will be a couple weeks that it will be closed in June, those dates have yet to be determined, and then a large, *grand* opening will be scheduled sometime in July! So come on out Blue Lakers and beyond, and meet some new friends in our sweet town.

MOKKA MUSIC Cafe Mokka in Arcata will present two musical artists on Memorial Day weekend. On Friday, May 25 will be Arcata-based band Chubritza, which plays international folk music with a Bulgarian and Eastern European/Balkan style and emphasis. On Saturday,

May 26 the cafe will host Balkan Bellows, billed as Arcata’s premiere accordion duet, whose melodies provide a combination of blending vocals and harmonious musical melodies of Eastern and Southern Europe. Both shows begin at 8 p.m., with no cover, and all ages welcome. Cafe Mokka is located at Fifth and J streets in Arcata.

On The House...



Joanie and John Frederick

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“Curb appeal” is a phrase that is used to describe a home that looks “great” to passersby. Sometimes, as real estate agents, we encourage our clients to offer an open house because buyers who admire a home’s exterior often prove to be our most valuable prospects.
An investment in attractive landscaping can help your home sell more quickly. If you have a moderately green thumb, you can get valuable free advice from local nurseries. They can give you tips on what will look good in your yard, considering the time of year, the available light, and the type of plants that do well in the area. You will probably be able to choose from many attractive low-maintenance plants that will add color and vitality to your yard. Native plants that flourish even in hardship conditions are excellent additions to a landscape design. Whatever the season, a few dollars invested in your front yard will usually reap great benefits.
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Memorial ceremony and a lighthouse tour

The Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse Ceremony will take place on Edwards at Trinity streets, the former location of the lighthouse now relocated to Trinidad Rancheria land at the harbor, on Sunday, May 27 at 2 p.m. Trinidad Civic Club President Dana Hope will officiate at the commemorative ceremony, which honors the 244 people lost at sea or buried at sea whose names are engraved at the site.

Several Lost at Sea names are on a granite plaque attached to the Memorial Lighthouse at the harbor. Eventually, all of the engraved names, the Memorial Lighthouse with its Fourth Order Fresnel lens from the 1871 Trinidad Head Lighthouse, and the 1898 two-ton Memorial Bell will be reunited at the harbor.

The ceremony is approximately 35 minutes in length, ending with a United States Coast Guard helicopter flyover. Participants in the ceremony include bagpipe player Matthew Marshall, saxophonist Matt Brogdon, vocalist Claire Bent, Mayor Susan Rotwein, Trinidad Civic Club secretary Janine Volkmar, the Rev. Lesley McCloghrie, USCG Captain Gregory Fuller and McKinleyville Boy Scout Troop 99 and Girl Scouts from Redwood Service Unit. Flowers are compliments of Sun Valley Floral Farm. Wreaths are arranged by Lena Macy

and Martha Sue Davis. Families and friends of individuals commemorated are cordially invited to attend. There is no seating and the ceremony will take place rain or shine.

Historian Jerry Rohde comes to Trinidad

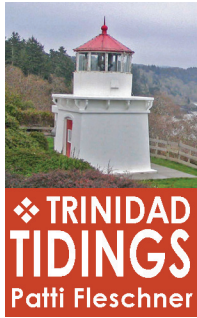
Trinidad Museum will host historian-author Jerry Rohde speaking on “Home on the Range” on Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m., 400 Janis Ct. off Patrick’s Point Drive.

Jerry’s talks and slide presentations are always entertaining and informative. This one in the Pierson History Lecture Series will focus on Humboldt County ranch life.

The event is free of charge. Come early. Seating is limited. The program’s length is about one hour with time for questions afterwards. Call (707) 677-3816 for information.

Fourth Friday Flicks and more at WCA

Westhaven Center for the Arts presents director Oliver Stone’s 1986 suspenseful, sobering *Salvador* on May 25 at 7 p.m., 501 South Westhaven Dr. Suggested admission is \$5 to \$10. Gaia’s Love, a nature based spirituality group exploring the healing virtues of nature led by Dr. Roy King will take place on Sunday, May 27 from 10 to 11 a.m. Call (707) 834-3008 or email royjking2@hotmail.com for information.



SLAM POETRY Slam poet and teacher Naughty A. Mouse invites you to a three-act show called *Fine White Powders*, today, May 23, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Northtown Coffee, 1603 G St. in Arcata. He blends poetry and storytelling into a yarn that will ensure you never look at dessert, or the War on Drugs, the same way again. (707) 633-6187

COASTAL COLORS New coastal watercolors by artist Paul Pickard will be featured at the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust’s Simmons Gallery in Trinidad through June, starting with an opening reception Friday, June 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. during Trinidad Arts Night. The show, “Watercolors of the Land of the Rain and Fog,” will feature Rickard’s perspectives of the dramatic marine landscape of Humboldt County, including the land trust’s Trinidad properties. The works will also be displayed as the Simmons Gallery is transformed into Rickard’s studio space for Open Studios on the weekends of June 2 to 3 and June 9 to 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rickard and his wife, Nancy, who host the weekly Sunday Paint-Out, will be on hand with watercolor demonstrations for the public. Hundreds of their paintings will be available for sale starting at less than \$10. Part of the proceeds will help with the preservation of Trinidad Coastal Land Trust properties. (707) 677-2501, info@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org

POETRY AT NORTHTOWN BOOKS on Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m., Jacqueline Suskin will give a reading at Northtown Books, 957 H St. in Arcata. She returns to Humboldt County with a book inspired by it, *The Edge of the Continent*. From 2009-2013, Suskin lived in Humboldt County writing poetry. While in Humboldt she often set up shop at the Farmer’s Market with her Poem Store, a venue for improvisational poetry in which patrons who choose both a topic and a price in exchange for a unique verse. Suskin is also the author of *The Collected*, a book of narrative poems paired with found photographs, and *Go Ahead & Like It*, a self-help book that explores the healing power and artistry of positive list making. She regularly brings poetry into classrooms around the country and was honored by Michelle Obama at the White House as a Turn-

around Artist.

BIOBLITZ Join Friends of the Dunes in a smart-phone-powered BioBlitz on Saturday, May 26 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. A BioBlitz is an intensive one-day study of biodiversity in a specific location; in this case, participants will collect citizen science data using the iNaturalist app. Meet at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Ln. in Manila.

GRANGE BREAKFAST The next Humboldt Grange #501 Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, May 26 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. at 5845 Humboldt Hill Rd. in Eureka. The cost is a donation of \$5 for adults, children 6 to 10 are \$3. Children under 6 are free.

RARE OPPORTUNITY The City of Arcata Environmental Services Department invites members of the community on a redwood ecology hike in Jacoby Creek Forest. This is a rare opportunity for community members to hike through Jacoby Creek Forest, which is normally closed to the public. Participating hikers will have the opportunity to take a guided walk through this mossy, green forest and learn more about its trees, plants and wildlife. The hike will take place on Saturday, June 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. To join the hike, participants are instructed to meet in the Seventh Street parking lot located behind Arcata City

Hall, at 736 F St., at 11 a.m. to carpool to the forest. Hikers should prepare for a moderate hike with two stream crossings, and are encouraged to bring drinking water and wear sturdy, waterproof hiking shoes. Participation is limited to 25 to 30 hikers and interested community members are encouraged to reserve their space by calling (707) 822-8184 or by emailing eservices@cityofarcata.org.

VEGAN POTLUCK On Saturday, May 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Vegan Society of Humboldt will host a Potluck Brunch and Silent Auction Fundraiser for Humboldt Wildlife Care Center at the Humboldt Area Foundation Community Center, 363 Indianola Rd. in Bayside. Join the Vegan Society and bring a vegan potato dish, vegan meat, vegan bread or pastry, fruit, or juice that will serve 8 to 10 people or more if you have a larger group attending. The society will be serving a delicious tofu scramble and coffee at this event. Attendees should bring your own place setting. Bring only vegan items. Vegan means no animal or animal derived products, including meat, chicken, fish, dairy, eggs, honey or gelatin. Event is open to the public, but a minimum donation of \$7 is suggested to benefit Humboldt Wildlife Care Center. vegiansocietyhumboldt.blogspot.com/

At the market | Now with compostable bags

❖ FROM B1

Waste effort. “Zero Waste is part of our mission. We have given a guide to Zero Waste to all our vendors,” she said. “Little River Farm and Beck’s Bakery are using fully compostable bags, even though it costs them more money. And I take the compostable bag home, put my greens into a container, then use the bag as a liner for my kitchen compost. When it is full, just tie up the bag and throw the whole thing into your compost bin.”

We both smiled at the idea of not having to scrub out the icky compost container in the kitchen.

North did remind shoppers that the compostable bags do not keep produce fresh as long as plastic bags do, so transferring the produce into containers at home is important.

John Severn of Little River Farm, who

sells those beautiful salad mixes and greens at the northeast corner of the Plaza, has been at the market since 1999. “Years ago, I saw the plastic island in the ocean online. I think it is as big as Texas now,” he said.

Even the bags cost him up to 25 cents a piece, depending on how big a quantity he orders, it is his strong belief that he has to help in any way he can. “There’s no way to sell my product without some packaging,” he said. The bags are 100 percent biodegradable and other vendors have been asking him about them.

So, getting ready to go to the Saturday market? Got your basket? Check. Reusable tote bag? Check. Mug for a hot drink? Check. Stop by and say thanks to the folks at Beck’s Bakery and Little River Farm. And give that hardworking Lily Farrell a thumbs up for a job well done!

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Canines to join in Kinetic madness

So much going on in Dogtown this week! There are reduced fees at the shelter, a special needs dog looking for the right home and Rescue Dog Sparky will be re-riding again at the Kinetic Sculpture Race!



❖ DOGTOWN
Mara Segal

The shelter continues

to see large numbers of dogs arriving each week, including several litters of puppies. There does tend to be an increase at this time of year, though I refuse to believe it is a result of students leaving, just because I don't want to think people would do that.



Ruby

cats can always be found at petharbor.com. Some available dogs will be making an appearance at the Plaza on Saturday with Sparky, the Kinetic Rescue Dog. Look for their or-

ange "Adopt Me" vests that match the sculpture. More on that below.

One dog at the shelter that is in need of a special home is our little Ruby.



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At this writing, there are 35 dogs available for adoption. There is a wide selection of sizes, breeds and ages. There are seven puppies about three months old — three from a litter of German Shepherd mix and four that are hound mix from a Jack Russell mother (!). Definitely something for everyone and the shelter is offering reduced adoption fees through Friday. Adopted dogs come with a microchip, are spayed and neutered, and are current on vaccinations. This is an incredible deal at the regular fees and even more of a deal right now. Stop in this week and see if there is a dog for you. The shelter is open Monday through Friday and more information is available at (707) 840-9132. Current listings of the adoptable dogs and



Kinetic canine racers

Ruby is a pint-sized pup of indeterminate breed. The shelter lists her as a shepherd mix, due to her pretty brown color and pointy face, but clearly this little 25-pound dog is not a German Shepherd. Could she be a Corgi mix?

What we do know about Ruby is that she is about eight months old and has some special needs. She has some neurological deficits that may be from birth or an accident. Her eyesight is affected, though she definitely has some sight, and she has a tendency to turn to the right, especially when excited. Volunteers love this little girl, who is very fond of her friends.

She walks fine on a leash and can navigate familiar spaces just fine. She was adoptable at the shelter for a while, but her reduced sight caused her to fail a retest for food aggression as she objected strongly to the prosthetic hand in her bowl. We think this would be easy to manage in a home by a combination of training and respecting her sight deficit.

Ruby is friendly and playful and would make a great match for a quieter home where she could get lots of love. She is not expected to get much larger. Ruby is spayed, microchipped and current on vaccinations. To meet Ruby, please contact us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or call (707) 839-9692.

This weekend is the 50th Anniversary of the Kinetic Sculpture Race. For the third year in a row, Redwood Pals Rescue will be partnered with the sculpture Sparky the Rescue Dog. Sparky is modeled on my beloved Hank dog, who will be seen with Sparky at points along the way. Sparky brings attention to shelter and rescue dogs in need of homes, some of whom will be out on the Plaza on Saturday to join him!

We will have a collection of adoptable dogs in their orange vests. Stop and talk with us if you are at the Plaza for the race start! There will also be some doggie pageantry on Friday evening at the Arcata Community Center, though the timing may prohibit bringing adoptable shelter dogs.

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